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**DETROIT DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS**

***– Conspired with Detroit street gang to distribute marijuana in Louisville area***

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **DARNELL MALLORY**, age 26, of 17351 Santa Barbara Street, Detroit, Michigan, **was sentenced** to 4 imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for conspiracy to distribute marijuana in the Louisville area. Charles R. Simpson, III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced **Mallory** to 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

**Mallory** pled guilty and admitted that during the period of the conspiracy, from August 1999 to March 2005, he conspired with other members of the street gang dubbed by police as the “Detroit Players” to distribute marijuana, and that he was personally responsible for the distribution of at least 100 kilograms of marijuana during that period. The street value of marijuana in the Louisville area is approximately \$1,000 per kilogram.

**This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire** is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney’s Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth’s Attorneys Office,

the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress, and was investigated by the Louisville Metro Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

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